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QUOTE JOINT STATEMENT

AS PREVIOUSLY AGREED, A MEETING BETWEEN
HENRY A. KISSINGER, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE USA
AND ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY
AFFAIRS, AND A. A. GROMYKO, MEMBER OF THE POLITBURO
OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CPSU AND MINISTER
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OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE USSR, TOOK PLACE ON

FEBURARY 16 AND 17 IN GENEVA.

THEY EXCHANGED VIEWS ON A NUMBER OF QUESTION OF BILATERAL AMERICAN-SOVIET RELATIONS, INCLUDING THE VARIOUS NEGOTIATIONS CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS BETWEEN THEM, AND ON CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST. BOTH SIDES EMPHASIZED THEIR DETERMINATION TO ADHERE TO THE COURSE OF CONTINUING TO IMPROVE SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS IN ACCORDDANCE WITH EXISTING UNDERSTANDINGS AND AGREEMENTS OF PRINCIPLE, WHICH THEY FIRMLY BELIEVE ARE IN THE INTEREST OF THE PEOPLES OF THE USA AND THE USSR AND OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE.

BOTH SIDES STRESSED THE GREAT SIGNIFICANCE OF THE AGREEMENT REGARDING THE FURTHER LIMITATION OF STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS REACHED IN THE COURSE OF THE BETTING BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT OF THE USA GERALD R. FORD AND THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION L. I. BREZHNEV IN NOVEMBER, 1974, IN VLADIVOSTOK. ON THE BASIS OF THIS AGREEMENT, BOTH SIDES INTEND TO CONTINUE ENERGETIC EFFORTS TO WORK OUT AN APPROPRIATE LONG-TERM AGREEMENT THIS YEAR.

IT WAS NOTE THAT A GREAT DEAL OF PROGRESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED AT THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE. THE TWO SIDES STATED THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE ACTIVE EFFORTS JOINTLY WITH THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS TO HAVE THE CONFERENCE SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED AT AN EARLY DATE.

THEY ASSUME THAT THE RESULTS ACHIEVED PERMIT ITS CONCLUSION AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL.

THEY ALSO AGREED THAT ACTIVE EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO ACHIEVE POSITIVE RESULTS IN THE MUTUAL REDUCTION OF FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE ON THE BASIS OF THE PRINCIPLES REFERRED TO IN THE AMERICAN-SOVIET COMMUNIQUE OF NOVEMBER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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24, 1974.

IN THE COURSE OF THE CONVERSATIONS, PARTICULAR ATTENTION WAS GIVEN TO THE MIDDLE EAST. THE TWO SIDES REMAIN CONCERNED OVER THE DANGERS PERSISTING IN THE SITUATION THERE. THEY REAFFIRMED THEIR INTENTION TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PROMOTE A SOLUTION OF THE KEY ISSUES OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE AREA

ON THE BASIS OF UN RESOLUTION 338, TAKING INTO
ACCOUNT THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF ALL THE PEOPLES
OF THE AREA, INCLUDING THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE,
AND RESPECT FOR THE RIGHT TO INDEPENDENT
EXISTENCE OF ALL STATES IN THE AREA.

THE TWO SIDES BELIEVE THAT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE
SHOULD PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST,
AND SHOULD RESUME ITS WORK AT AN EARLY DATE.

THEY EXCHANGED VIEWS ON CYPRUS. BOTH SIDES
REAFFIRMED THEIR FIRM SUPPORT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE,
SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITOTIAL INTERGITY OF CYPRUS.
THEY RECOGNIZE THE PRESENT CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT
AS THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS. BOTH
SIDES CONTINUE TO CONSIDER THAT A JUST SETTLE-
MENT OF THE CYPRUS QUESTION MUST BE BASED ON
THE STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS
ADOPTED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS REGARDING CYPRUS.

THE TALKS WERE HELD IN A BUSINESS-LIKE AND
CONSTRUCTIVE ATMOSPHERE AND BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED
THEIR SATISFACTION WITH THE RESULTS.
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